

Worship Participants

Pastor, Salem United Methodist Church:	Rev. Doug Williams
Pastor, South Asian Methodist Church:	Rev. Mushtaq Gulab
Youth Director:	Linda Ballard
Administrative Assistant:	Edi Normann
Liturgist:	Patty Johnsen
Head Usher:	Paul Hamm
Chancel Choir Director:	David Hartley
Organist:	David Hartley
Accompanist:	Yukiko Fujimura
Children's Choir Director:	Missy Hartley
Nursery Care Coordinator:	Sue Kudla
Missionaries:	Nkemba & Mbwizu Ndjungu, Cameroon, Africa

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those With Health Issues	Denise Patterson, Loraine Carlson, Patty Johnsen, Elaine Cox, Laurel & Jim Skomer, Amy Strong, Dan Pomeroy, Lois Larson, Leonard Kopecky, Tammy, Diane
Those With Long-Term Health Issues	Arthur & Brian Burgeson, Hannah, Michaela, Debbie Donner, Chuck Patterson, Loren Schrenk, Karen Griffith, Bic Simmons, Maureen Schuneman, Jon Mortensen-Perlin, Maja Bayerlein, Leo Schulz, Rev. Tommie Johnson, Tim Keating
Those With Special Needs	Ben Sadorf, Olivia, Pamela, McKinleigh, Craig, Allison Hansen, Lori, Darlene, the Lackowski Family, Lisa Carlson McInnes
Those in the Armed Forces	Dustan Taylor, Bruce Johnson, Shad Mead, Jeff Walden, Curt Higdon, Hsienjan Huang, Freddy Aguilera, Ryan Charles
Those Affected by Hurricanes	Martha Walker, Belen Liboy, Luini Liboy

Welcome!

If you are a visitor to Salem UMC today, welcome! Please consider completing our visitor survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWCYVY3>
 or scan the QR code to access the survey.



SUNDAY, December 24, 2017
Christmas Eve 6:00 PM



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December 24, 2017

Prelude "Christmas Prelude" arr. S. Ellson

Welcome & Announcements

* Presentation of Christ Light

* Greeting Each Other in the Peace of Christ

Hymn "The First Noel" #245

* Call to Worship

L: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

P: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

L: Our souls sing out God's praise!

P: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

L: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

P: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.

Choir Anthems "Baby in a Manger" D. Nolan
"Do You Hear What I Hear" N. Regney

First Lesson Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Carol "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants, all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

Carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211

Third Lesson Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Carol "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (v. 1&2) #216

Fourth Lesson Micah 5: 2-5a

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230

Fifth Lesson Luke 1: 26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

Carol "One Holy Night in Bethlehem" TFWS #2097

Sixth Lesson Luke 2: 1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Carol "The First Noel (v.1)" #245

Seventh Lesson Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger.

Carol "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #229

Eighth Lesson Matthew 2: 1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Carol "We Three Kings" #254

The Ninth Lesson John 1: 1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" #239

Hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221

Our Christmas Offering
Our offering this evening will go to the Bishop's Appeal for Personal and Family Migration.

Offertory "I Heard the Bells on Christmas" arr. D. Calkin

*** Doxology**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Message "How to Have a Merry Christmas" Pastor Doug

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" arr. H. Smart

*** Please stand as you are able.**

Friday night Salem Kid's Club and Salem Youth will NOT meet again until January 12. Tuesday morning Bible study will NOT meet in January, resuming on February 6.

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics, by Adam Hamilton

The adult Sunday school program will begin a new study on January 7.



Everyone agrees that America is polarized, with ever-hardening positions held by people less and less willing to listen to one another. No one agrees on what to do about it. One solution that hasn't yet been tried, says Adam Hamilton, is for thinking persons of faith to model for the rest of the country a richer, more thoughtful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues that divide us. Hamilton rejects the easy assumptions and sloppy analysis of black and white thinking, seeking instead the truth that resides on all sides of the issues, and offering a faithful and compassionate way forward. The first class is at 9:15 am in the Parlor on January 7.

Church Activities - December 24- January 6

THIS WEEK		
December 24	10:15 AM	Sustaining Prayer
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service
December 25		Christmas Day - Office Closed
NEXT WEEK		
December 31	10:15 AM	Sustaining Prayer
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
January 1		New Year's Day - Office Closed
January 3	6:15 PM	Chancel Choir





Poinsettias were provided by the following:

Sarah Edwards

In Honor of Gerald & Nadine Matteson

Jim & Laurel Skomer

In Honor of Carol Listhartke

Georgann & Terry McNamara

In Memory of George & Fran Hager
and Jim & Mary McNamara

Lois Larson

In Memory of Amos & Martha Larson

Sue & Don Whitney

In Memory of Hermina & Ernst Nielsen
and Marian Whitney

Dee Atkinson

In Memory of Roy & Bonnie Harbin
and Jerry Riordan

Patty Johnsen

In Memory of Tom & Reva Johnsen

Don & Kay Griffith

In Memory of All Deceased Family Members

Don & Kay Griffith

In Memory of All Living Family Members

Al & Pat Willer

In Memory of Roy & Charlotte Crumrine
and Richard, Augusta, & Craig Willer

Sara Rosellini

In Memory of James Burgeson & Bruno Rosellini

